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**ASSIGNEES' REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Sir:

The EASTERN VIRGINIA MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF HAMPTON ROADS and MCGILL UNIVERSITY, the assignees of record for the above-referenced patent, are small entities, and believe that no outstanding rights are held by a large entity. Therefore, the assignees request that the above-referenced patent be accorded small entity status.

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